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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ROME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/EXTRAORDINARY
ASSEMBLY - UK CONSULTATION, JULY 12-13.

REF: HUFFMAN/BROWER/GAITHER TELCONS - 7/12, 7/13

FOR BROWER FROM HUFFMAN

1. SUMMARY: TALKS THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND FRIDAY MORNING
CHAIRIED BY DTI OFFICERS PRODUCED AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT UPON
FORM FOR AIDE MEMOIRE TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR JOINT US/UK DEMARCHES
BEFORE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING BOTH MODIFIED INDEPENDENT
CONVENTION AND CERTAIN AMENDMENTS. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO WRAP-UP
SESSION, FCO REP ARRIVED (WITH SUFFICIENT RANK TO SPEAK-OUT)
AND STATED FCO AND OTHER MINISTRIES UNLIKELY APPROVE APPROACH
WHICH HAD BEEN DEVELOPED. HE INDICATED THEY MIGHT AGREE,
SUBJECT TO FRENCH APPROVAL, TO VERY GENERAL EFFORT TO PROMOTE
CONCEPT THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND CONVENTION WERE NOT COMPETING
AND THAT INCLUSION OF SOME "TEETH" (UNSPECIFIED) WITH AMENDMENTS
WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY, UK POSITION ON MATTER REMAINS
UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON CHAIRIED BY UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS
(DTI) AND ATTENDED BY GREEN (DTI), CHIPPINGTON (CAA), DODD
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(FCO), DTI NOTETAKER, HUFFMAN (U.S.) AND COLWELL (U.S.).

POSITIVE SPIRIT WHICH CHARACTERIZED WASHINGTON BROWER-ROGERS MEETINGS PREVAILED.

3. FOLLOWING CHANGES IN AIDE MEMOIRE WERE AGREED AD REFERENDUM:

A. AIDE MEMOIRE WAS PUT IN FORM SUITABLE FOR TRANSMISSION BY BOTH U.S. AND UK AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, STATEMENTS THAT "GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES (STRONGLY) THAT" WERE DELETED (SEE PAGE 1, 1ST AND 2ND LINES OF PARAS 1 AND 2; PAGE 3, 1ST LINE OF PARA 2,). REFERENCE TO "GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES" (P.2) OR "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT" (P.4 - LAST LINE; P.5 - 4TH LINE; P.6 - 1ST LINE) CHANGED TO "BLANK GOVERNMENT".

B. P.1, PARA 2 AND 3 BEGIN RESPECTIVELY "THE CONTINUING THREAT" AND "THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE."

C. P.2, LINE 10 PHRASE BEGINNING "AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION" CHANGED TO "AS A MORE EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IN THE LONGER TERM".

D. P.3, PARA 2 CHANGED TO READ IN PART "THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE A VALUABLE STEP FORWARD. TO IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SUGGESTED TO THE ICAO THAT THE INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS ALLEGED TO CONTRAVENE THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL PRINCIPLES ETC."

E. P.4, 3RD LINE, "WHICH CHANGED TO "WHO", 8TH LINE CHANGED TO READ: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED; 12TH LINE - BEGIN PARA "BASED ON RECENT ICAO EXPERIENCE"; 18TH LINE BEGIN ANOTHER PARAGRAPH AT "A NEXT STEP IN THE FIGHT" WHICH CHANGED TO READ "A FURTHER STEP ETC."

F. P.5, 1ST LINE CHANGED TO READ "ADOPTION OF SUCH AN INDEPENDENT"; 2ND LINE, "AT" CHANGED TO "BY"; 4TH LINE BEGIN PARAGRAPH "IN PARTICULAR THE BLANK GOVERNMENT FAVORS
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ETC."; 9TH LINE - END SENTENCE AFTER "CONVENTIONS", DELETE "BECAUSE"; 10TH LINE - BEGIN SENTENCE "OF ALL THE PROPOSALS ETC."; 19TH LINE - "WHICH COULD" CHANGE TO "WOULD"; 20TH LINE - END SENTENCE AFTER "REFERENCE", BEGIN NEXT SENTENCE "SO THUS OFFERS THE BEST MEANS OF MAKING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 86 AND 87 ETC."; LAST SENTENCE ON PAGE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: "HOWEVER, THE REQUIREMENT IN THIS PROPOSAL OF RATIFICATION OF

THOSE TWO CONVENTIONS BY 85 ICAO MEMBERS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY
DELAY ITS FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE."

G. P.5-6-FOLLOWING NEW PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH ADDED:

"WHILE AWAITING ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE, IT WILL BE
IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN INTERIM RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO THE
SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION BY ADOPTING THE PROPOSED
INDEPENDENT CONVENTION. EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING THE LATTER
CONVENTION COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL BASIS FOR FUTURE ICAO
ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHICAGO CONVENTION AFTER THEIR ENTRY INTO FORCE."

"THE BLANK GOVERNMENT THEREFORE EXPRESSES ITS STRONG
HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BLANK WILL FAVOR THIS
TWO STAGE APPROVAL AT THE ROME MEETINGS BY SUPPORTING
SIMULTANEOUS ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSALS DESCRIBED
ABOVE FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONVENTION, BY THE DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE, AND FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION,
BY THE EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY."

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4. DURING DISCUSSION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT PROPOSED US/SWISS
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 86 WAS NOT MENTIONED IN FRENCH/SWISS/UK
COMMUNICATION TO ICAO AS PROPOSAL WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
BY ASSEMBLY. GREEN (DTI) SUGGESTED THIS WAS OVERSIGHT, THAT
LISTING OF PROPOSALS WAS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT,
INTRODUCTION SAVING CLAUSE IN 1ST PARAGRAPH OF TRIPARTITE

COMMUNICATION TO ICAO PRESERVED ARTICLE 86 PROPOSAL FOR ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION.

5. CONCERNING THREE TIER RATIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN THREE NATION PROPOSAL, GREE SAID THIS WAS PRICE OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF FRENCH ATTITUDE REGARDING MONTREAL CONVENTION. WHEN ASKED WHY HAGUE ALSO SUBJECTED TO THIS REQUIREMENT, GREEN SAID (A) UK HAS NOT WISHED TO STRESS MONTREAL'S LESS-FAVORED STATUS AND (B) THAT HAGUE'S INCLUSION SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY DELAY IN FULL ENTRY INTO FORCE OF PROPOSAL SINCE UK FELT HAGUE WOULD RECEIVE REQUISITE NUMBER RATIFICATION WELL BEFORE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON MONTREAL CONVENTION.

6. THOUGH GREEN INDICATED UK HAS ASSUMED THAT STATES RATIFYING PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO RATIFY BOTH CONVENTIONS, HE AND ROGERS APPEARED TO AGREE FRENCH AND OTHERS MIGHT RATIFY AMENDMENT BUT AWAIT RATIFICATION OF MONTREAL BY 85 OTHER STATES. CONCERN ABOUT THIS LIKELIHOOD MOTIVATED ROGERS PROPOSE FIRST SENTENCE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE.
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7. FRIDAY MORNING TALKS CHAIRED BY GREEN (DTI), ATTENDED BY DODD (FCO), CHIPPINGTON (CAA), DTI NOTETAKER, HUFFMAN AND COLWELL (U.S.). PURSUANT TO ROGERS' REQUEST DAY BEFORE, PARTICIPANTS FRIDAY WERE TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC MEANS BY WHICH PROVISIONS OF INDEPENDENT CONVENTION AND AMENDMENTS MIGHT BE LINKED. AT OUTSET GREEN SAID HE DID NOT THINK WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FORMULATION BUT MERELY DEVISE POSSIBLE METHODS FOR LINKAGE WHICH MIGHT BE DESCRIBED TO RECIPIENTS OF POSSIBLE JOINT AIDE MEMOIRE SHOULD THEY ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.

8. FIRST LINKAGE PROPOSAL DISCUSSED WAS INCLUSION OF PROVISION IN INDEPENDENT CONVENTION SUSPENDING OR TERMINATING ITS OPERATION WHEN CERTAIN SPECIFIED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION ENTERED INTO EFFECT OR ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IMPOSED CERTAIN SPECIFIED OBLIGATIONS UPON ICAO ORGANS. GREEN AGREED AMENDMENT ROUTE WOULD BE PREFERABLE AS MORE PERMANENT AND INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR SUSPENSION INSTEAD OF TERMINATION PROVISION.

9. POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO CONVENTION WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 54 OF CONVENTION TO REQUIRE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION OF EXPERTS IN RELATION TO MATTERS ARISING UNDER NEW, PROPOSED CHAPTER 17.

B. AMENDMENT AT BEGINNING OF PROPOSED NEW CHAPTER 17

INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED INDEPENDENT CONVENTION REGARDING COMPOSITION AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION OF EXPERTS, E.G. "THE ASSEMBLY SHALL APPOINT A COMMISSION OF EXPERTS AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE X OF Y CONVENTION WITH DUTIES AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE Z OF THAT CONVENTION". LESS PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE NEW ARTICLE SETTING UP COMMISSION OF EXPERTS DRAFTED ROUGHLY ALONG LINES ARTICLE 56 THOUGH PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION BY ASSEMBLY.

10. POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WOULD IMPOSE UPON COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APPOINTING COMMISSION AND CONSIDERING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPECIFIED SITUATION. US REP
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STRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AMENDMENT ROUTE IF SPECIFIC LINKAGE WAS SOUGHT. GREEN SAW SUBSTANTIVE MERITS OF AMENDMENT AND APPEARED TO REGARD RESOLUTION AS POSSIBLE FALL BACK IF PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTED AMENDMENT EFFORTS.

11. IF FOREGOING POSSIBILITIES GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO U.S., GREEN SUGGESTED UK/US COLLABORATE ON SPECIFIC FORMULATIONS AFTER DELEGATIONS ARRIVED IN ROME.

12. RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY, GREEN THEN STATED THAT FRENCH AND UK HAVE ADVISED ICAO THAT THEY WILL SEEK REVISION OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE RULE SO TO PROVIDE AS FOLLOWS:

" ANY DRAFT CONVENTION SHALL BE ADOPTED BY MAJORITY OF TWO-THIRDS OF STATES REPRESENTED AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. REVISION OF THIS RULE WILL PREVAIL OVER THAT OF RULE 20".
US REP REACTED ADVERSELY TO THIS SUGGESTION NOTING IT WOULD MEAN ABSTENTIONS, WHICH ARE COMMONPLACE, WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF NEGATIVE NOTE MAKING DOUBTFUL ANY POSITIVE ACTION BY CONFERENCE. GREEN EXPLAINED PROPOSAL WAS EFFORT MEET BASIC UK CONCERN THAT ANY CONVENTION HAVE BROAD SUPPORT. HE INDICATED UK WOULD BE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT REQUIRING LARGE NUMBER RATIFICATIONS IF CONVENTION ADOPTED BY LARGE PLURALITY STATES ATTENDING CONFERENCE. UK POSITION, GREEN STATED, BASED ON FACT MUCH UK AIR TRAFFIC ROUTED OVER AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST. CONSEQUENTLY HMG CONCERNED ABOUT RETALIATION AGAINST UK CARRIERS IF UK PARTY TO CONVENTION ADOPTED AND RATIFIED ONLY BY AIR SERVICE STATES WHICH ENTAIL ACTION AGAINST STATES IN LATTER GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS. IN DESCRIBING DIFFERENCES WITH US ON THIS POINT UK REPS SOUGHT TO DISTINGUISH PROFIT CENTER OF MOST US CARRIERS (DOMESTIC SERVICE) AND PROFIT CENTER OF UK AND CONTINENTAL CARRIERS (INTERNATIONAL).

13. US REP STATED THAT IF UK FUNDAMENTALLY CONCERNED ABOUT NATURE OF RATIFICATIONS, HE THOUGHT USG MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT THEM AWAY FROM CURRENT PROPOSAL BY A RATIFICATION

FORMULA ASSURING SOME REPRESENTATION OUTSIDE WESTERN AIR SERVICE STATES. GREEN INDICATED UK REMAINED FLEXIBLE ON MEANS FOR MEETING THEIR CONCERN AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY US PROPOSALS ON THIS SUBJECT. US REP AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, SENSED THAT RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION OR ADOPTION FORMULA WAS NOT PRE-CONDITION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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JOINT PROMOTIONAL EFFORT BY US/UK ALONG LINES DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE.

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14 BEFORE LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DTI, GREEN DISCLOSED FOLLOWING WOULD BE UK DELEGATION: KEAN (CAA), MELLON (FCO), GREEN (DTI), COHEN (CAA), CHIPPINGTON (CAA), CHAMBERLAIN (FCO), KEARNS (?). CHAIRMAN WILL BE EITHER KEAN OR DAVID HUBBOCK, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DTI (SHO WOULD APPEAR ONLY BRIEFLY). HUBBOCK IS BELOW MINISTER HEGELTINE AND ABOVE UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS. DECISION ON CHAIRMAN WILL BE MADE AFTER VIEWING RANK OF OTHER STATES' CHAIRMEN. GREEN THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY ROGERS WOULD CHAIR SINCE HE WAS OF UNSUFFICIENT RANK TO PUT IN TOKEN APPEARANCE, BUT OF TOO HIGH RANK TO DEVOTE 4 WEEKS OF TIME TO ROME MEETINGS.

15. PCO REP MELLON WHO ARRIVED DURING LUNCHEON FROM EC-9 AEROSPACE CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS AND IN EFFECT CHAIRED AFTERNOON

SESSION, CAST DOUBT ON ENTIRE UK POSITION, (WHICH IS NEVERTHE
LESS REPORTED FOR RECORD). FIRST MELLON STATED BLUNTLY ROGERS'
INITIATIVE IN WASHINGTON HAD NOT BEEN KNOWN TO OR APPROVED BY
FCO. AS DISCUSSION DEVELOPED, MELLON'S STATED CONCERNS
FELL INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

A. CONCERN THAT THE UK NOT STEP OUTSIDE ITS UNDERSTANDINGS
WITH FRENCH ON CURRENT PROPOSALS;

B. CONCERN THAT THE UK NOT LOSE FLEXIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH
HIJACKINGS TERMINATING IN UK;

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C. CONCERN THAT UK CARRIERS NOT UNNECESSARILY EXPOSED.

16. UPON REVIEWING AIDE MEMOIRE, MELLON SAID SPECIFIC
PROMOTION OF UK/SWISS PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLES 86 AND 87
WOULD RUN COUNTER TO FRENCH/UK UNDERSTANDING. GOING FURTHER,,
HE APPEARED TO SAY THAT ANY US/UK ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED
BY FRENCH. HE ALSO FELT THAT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF US
POSITION ON RECENT UK/FRENCH PROPOSAL ALTER PROPOSED CONVENTION
RULE 20 WAS PEREQUISITE TO JOINT EFFORTS. IN JUSTIFYING PRO-
POSAL HE RAISED NEW POINT NOT MENTIONED BY GREEN, TO EFFECT
THAT UK/FRANCE WANTED CONVENTION EXPOSED TO SAME RISKS AS
AMENDMENT (UNDER ASSEMBLY RULES ABSTENTIONS HAVE SAME EFFECT
AS NEGATIVE VOTES). US REP NOTED ANOTHER MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH
THIS WOULD BE TO MAKE ADOPTION OF BOTH PROPOSALS DEPENDENT ON
ADOPTION OF EACH OTHER. HE INDICATED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY
MEANS FOR SUBJECTING PROPOSED CONVENTION TO BURDENSOME ADOPTION
REQUIREMENTS OF ASSEMBLY OR TIEING ITS ADOPTION TO ADOPTION OF
AMENDMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN WASHINGTON. MELLON SAID UK
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IF US CARED TO
MAKE ONE BUT WOULD BE DIRECTED BY FRENCH POSITION, WHICH HE
THOUGHT WOULD REMAIN ADVOCACY FOR ALTERATION OF PROPOSED
CONVENTION RULE 20.

17. MELLON ALSO VOICED FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS WIEH CHANGES,
WHICH USG HAS SOUGHT, TO STRENGTHEN NORDIC PROPOSAL. HE
SAID PREFERABLE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE TO GIVE ICAO COUNCIL
DISCRETION TO DO WHAT IT CHOSE, IF ANYTHING, CONCERNING
ACTIONS CONTRARY TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. THIS HE
FELT WOULD PROVIDE POLITICAL FLEXIBILITY (A) SO THAT UK CARRIERS
WOULD NOT BE EXPOSED IN EVENT OF NECESSITY FOR CONSIDERATION
OF MISDEEDS BY ANOTHER STATE AND (B) SO THAT HMG MIGHT
PRESERVE FREER HAND IN DEALING WITH AFTERMATH OF HIJACKING
TERMINATING IN UK, E.G, DEPORTATION OF HIJACKER. US REP NOTED
THAT FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT TO US POSITION WAS VIEW THAT RESPONSE
TO ACTIONS CONTRARY TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL SHOULD BE EXPEDITIONS AND
AUTOMATIC AND THAT IF MELLON'S VIEWS WERE HMG'S VIEWS,

THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF ANY US/UK UNDERSTANDING ON ISSUE.
MELLON ASKED WHETHER COMMISSION OF EXPERTS WAS SINE QUA NON
OF US POSITION. US REP REPLIED THAT IT WAS AT THIS TIME.

18. TOWARDS CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION MELLON APPEARED TO
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MODERATE HIS POSITION, SUGGESTING THAT UK MIGHT BE ABLE PARTICIPATE
IN SOME GENERALIZED EFFORT WITH US BEFORE ROME MEETINGS TO
PROMOTE CONCEPT THAT CONVENTION PROPOSAL (UNSPECIFIED) AND
RECENT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL WERE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AND THAT
RESPECT FOR AMENDMENTS, IF ADOPTED, WOULD BE ENHANCED BY SOME
SANCTIONS FORMULATIVE (UNSPECIFIED). IN HIS VIEW ANY SUCH EFFRT
WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BLESSINGS OF FRENCH. MELLON SPECIFIED
HIS PROPOSED GENERALIZED, JOINT EFFORT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE US
FROM PROMOTING OUR VIEWS ON IMPROVING NORDIC PROPOSAL AND
AMENDING ARTICLES 86 AND 87 THROUGH PRIOR BILATERAL DEMARCHES.
FINALLY MELLON SUGGESTED POSSIBLE US/UK/FRENCH SESSION JULY 17
IF FRENCH PROVED FLEXIBLE IN MONDAY US-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS.

19. FOLLOWING MEETINGS, US REPS MET BRIEFLY WITH ROGERS AND
GREEN. US, WHILE THANKING ROGERS FOR ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS,
SAID SOME VIEWS VOICED BY FCO WOULD RETURN US/UK TO THEIR
POSITION IN MAY. HE HOPED THIS WOULD NOT PROVE TO BE THE CASE
AND THAT ROGERS-BROWER MEETINGS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POINTLESS
DRAFTING EXERCISE. ROGERS WAS NOT PLEASED WITH INFORMATION
CONVEYED TO HIM, INDICATED HE WANTED US TO HAVE COMMON
POSITIVE AND PURSUASIVE POSITION AS REFLECTED IN AIDE MEMOIRE.
US REP DEPARTED WITH STATED HOPE THAT ROGERS VIEWS WOULD PREVAIL
IN IMMINENT EFFORT TO DEVELOP HMG POSITION.

20. SUBJECT OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE WAS DEALT
WITH BRIEFLY AT CLOSE OF MAIN DISCUSSIONS. UK DENIES IT IS
NOW SUPPORTING DIALLO FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. (ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS, UK REPS NOTED DIALLO'S EXTREME RESPONSIVENESS TO
FRENCH VIEWS. ONE OBSERVED DIALLO POSSESSED FRENCH CITIZEN-
SHIP.) GREEN SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE NO SUPPORT FOR SINGLE
CHAIRMANSHIP CONCEPT. MELLON INDICATED UK WOULD TAKE NO RISK
ON CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE BUT WOULD TRY TO ENSURE IT SUPPORTED
SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMEN IN ROME.

21. ANOTHER ITEM WHICH EMERGED OVER COURSE OF MAIN DISCUSSIONS
WAS UK ADMISSION THAT RESPONSE TO THEIR DEMARCHES ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENT WERE QUITE DISCOURAGING AND RESPONSES TO FRENCH
DEMARCHES WERE EVEN MORE SO. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM US
REP, UK REPS SAID VIEWS EXPRESSED TO THEM ON NORDIC PROPOSAL
WERE "MIXED."

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